GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – WCDA&SC Dept., – Allegation of Acquisition of Assets Disproportionate to the known sources of income against Smt. M. Vijaya Lakshmi, Asst. Project Director and Project Director (FAC), O/o D.W & C.D.A.,Visakhapatnam – Recommended for Prosecution –Examined – Entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries (CoI) – Inquiry Report submitted – Charges not proved –Further action dropped duly regularizing the suspension period from 21.07.2016 to 05.09.2018 as on duty as per FR.54(B)(3) – Orders -Issued.

DEPT., FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS (Estt)

G.O.RT.No. 38 Dated: 19-03-2025

Read the following:-

1. DG, ACB, AP Vijayawada Lr.Rc.No.73/RCA WVP/2016 S.11, dated: 10.03.2021, 03.09.2021, 17.11.2021 and 27.07.2022.
2. Memo.No.583/Estt.A3/2016-1, dated13-07-2016
3. G.O.Rt.No.159, Dept., for WCDA & SC, dated 24.08.2018.
4. Explanation of Smt. M. Vijaya Lakshmi, dated15.04.2021 & 28.07.2022.
5. G.O.Ms.No.15, WCDA&SC Dept., dated.01.11.2022.
6. Govt., Memo.No.583/Estt.A3/2016-14, WCDA & SC (Estt.A3) Dept., Dated.10.10.2022 and 02-01-2023
7. Rc.No.73/RCA-WVP/2016-S.11, dated 15-03-2023, of the D.G., A.C.B., Vijayawada
8. G.O.Ms.No.35, WCDA&SC Dept., dated.04.04.2023.
9. G.O.Ms.No.36, WCDA&SC Dept., dated.04.04.2023.
10. Commissioner of Inquiries D.O.lr.No.69/COI-JS/2022, Dated 28.02.2024.
11. WSD of Smt. M. Vijaya Lakshmi, dated.08.08.2024.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, ACB, AP, Vijayawada has stated that in the light of oral and documentary evidence, it is clear that the A.O Smt. Mopuri Vijaya Lakshmi, W/o Yeturi Rama Linga Reddy, Project Director, District Women & Child Development Agency, Visakhapatnam had acquired assets disproportionate to the known sources of her income to a tune of Rs.35,32,694/which was about 31.19% of the income of the A.O Smt. Mopuri Vijaya Lakshmi. Therefore, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau has recommended as follows:

i)To prosecute the A.O. in a court of law u/s 13 (2) R/w 13 (1) (e) of P.C. Act 1988 for the allegation that the A.O. acquired assets disproportionate to the known source of her income to a tune of Rs.35,32,694/ which was about 31.19% of the income of A.O.

ii) To initiate departmental action against the A.O. under rule 9(1) and rule 9 (2) of AP Civil Services (conduct) Rules 1964 for the allegation that the A.O. failed to obtain permission from the competent authority for acquisition of immovable properties and also failed to inform the competent authority about the transactions pertaining to movable properties noted as item Nos.1,2,3,4 and 7 in the list of assets and the A.O also failed to inform the competent authority about the transactions pertaining to movable properties noted in item Nos.10,11 and 13 in the list of assets.

iii)To initiate departmental action under Rule 9 (7) of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules 1991 for the allegation that the A.O. failed to file the annual property returns during her service from the year 2009,2010,2013 & 2014 as contemplated under rule 9 (7) of APCS (conduct) Rules 1964 and the AO submitted her APRs for the year 1994 to 2008 at a time without covering letter and supporting documents in the year 2009.

iv) To initiate departmental action against the A.O under Rule 10(1-A) of APCS (conduct) Rules 1964 for the allegation that the A.O failed to report the Government about her husband of A.O. Sri Y. Rama Linga Reddy acted as commission agent for APTDC at Visakhapatnam and Tirupathi and earned commission as per item No.13 &14 of income.

2. Government have accorded permission to the Director, WD&CW, AP, Guntur to place the services of the A.O., under suspension with immediate effect, until further orders vide reference 2nd read above and revoked the suspension of the A.O Smt. M. Vijaya Lakshmi, A.P.D., vide reference 3rd read above.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Accused officer Smt. M.Vijaya Lakshmi, in her representation dated 15.04.2021 has stated that she has submitted her explanation with all facts and documentary proofs of evidences to Investigating Officer, ACB, Visakhapatnam on 03.04.2018 and also submitted her Annual Property Statements to the Department regularly in which she had declared all the assets acquired and disposed of by her since 1994, the year of her joining in to Government Service. Further, when her family consisting of herself, her husband and unmarried younger daughter is considered as one single unit, the details of Assets, Income and Expenditure of her family are submitted along with the proofs of evidences. Her father Sri M. Sadasiva Reddy is leading his life independently and he has got his own sources of income from his ancestral properties, his pension and his savings. Further, her husband Sri Y. Rama Linga Reddy acted as Commission agent for APTDC at Visakhapatnam and Tirupati and earned commission as per item Nos. 13 and 14 of income, any receipt of any amount in business will be paid after deducting the IT at source and therefore, non-filing of the IT returns by her husband cannot be treated as violation by Charged Officer, since the business being carried out by her husband will never be within her domain or liable for any violation of the statutory obligations by her. Moreover, if at all, any violation of any provisions of the Act by him he alone will be responsible for the same and therefore, she has requested to drop further proceedings as there is no prima facie case on facts and in the circumstances of the case and in the interest of justice.

4. In reference 5th read above, Government after careful examination of the DFR of the DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada and considering the representation of Accused officer Smt. Mopuri Vijaya Lakshmi, Project Director, District Women & Child Development Agency, Visakhapatnam, and decided entrusted Commissioner of Inquiries and appointed Sri J. Satyanarayana, I.P.S. (Retd), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, General Administration Department, as an Inquiring Authority to conduct the inquiry under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 on the allegations of acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known source of income and also for violation of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

5. In the reference 6th read above, the D.G., A.C.B., Vijayawada, has been requested to propose the name of the Presenting Officer immediately, to present the case before the CoI (I.O) and also requested to furnish the Article of charges and listed Documents immediately to the Government, so as to enable to conduct the Inquiry by the CoI within the stipulated time.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the Director General, ACB, AP has furnished the draft articles of charges against Smt. Mopuri Vijaya Lakshmi, Project Director, District Women & Child Development Agency, Visakhapatnam for allegation of acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of Income.Accordingly, in the G.O. 8th read above, articles of charges were framed against Smt. Mopuri Vijaya Lakshmi, Project Director, District Women & Child Development Agency, Visakhapatnam.

7. In the reference 9th read above, the disciplinary authority hereby appointed Sri Budumuru Venkata Appala Narasimha Murthy, Advocate, COI panel as Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the Government in support of the article of charges framed against the AO, before the Inquiry Authority.

8. The Commissioner of Inquiries (JS) has submitted his Inquiry Report through a D.O.letter in the reference 10th read above, the Inquiry Authority has stated in his findings that 4 charges against the Smt. Mopuri Vijaya Lakshmi, Project Director, District Women & Child Development Agency, Visakhapatnam are held not proved.

9. The Accused Officer in her explanation vide reference 11th read above, has requested to drop further action duly exonerating her of the charges and to issue necessary orders at the

earliest as she has already undergone mental agony for the last 8 years because of the pendency of this case.

10. After careful examination of the matter, Government have accepted the report of the Commissioner of Inquiries and decided to drop further action against the Charged Officer Smt. M.Vijaya Lakshmi, Asst. Project Director and Project Director (FAC), O/o D.W & C.D.A., Visakhapatnam presently working as Joint Project Coordinator, O/o the Director, WD&CW, AP, Guntur duly regularizing the suspension period from 21.07.2016 to 05.09.2018 as on duty as per FR.54(B)(3)) with all consequential benefits.

11. Therefore, Government hereby order to drop further action against Smt. M.Vijaya Lakshmi, Asst. Project Director and Project Director (FAC), O/o D.W & C.D.A., Visakhapatnam presently working as Joint Project Coordinator, O/o the Director, WD&CW, AP, Guntur duly regularizing her the suspension period from 21.07.2016 to 05.09.2018 as on duty as per FR.54 (B)(3) with all consequential benefits.

12. The Director, WD&CW, AP, Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A SURYA KUMARI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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